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Applicant(s): Kvitrud et al.)	Group Art Unit:	4138
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For: DENTAL CROWN FORMS AND METHODS)		

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed 8 July 2008 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-18 and 68-73 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Claims 1 and 2 continue to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kahn (U.S. Patent No. 3,949,476). Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection.

As discussed in Applicants' previous response filed in March 2008, each and every element of the claim must be found in a single prior art reference for a claim to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102, (M.P.E.P. § 2131). The anticipation rejection of independent claim 1 must be withdrawn because Kahn does not teach each and every element recited in independent claim 1.

Among other things, independent claim 1 recites a dental crown form including hardenable dental material for forming a dental crown located within the tooth-shaped volume.